THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMAITON AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation was received on 20.8.91.

(c) In pursuance of the policy of the Government to maintain the freedom and independence of the Press , the Government does not provide financial assistance for such purposes.

(d) Press Council of India (PCI) has been established under the Press Council Act, 1978 for the purpose of preserving the freedom of the Press and of maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. Request for financial assistance does not concern PCI. PCI has given a reply to 'Anchalik Kranti' in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Sick Industrial Units in Bihar

5658. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of sick industrial units in Bihar made viable and those expanded during the last two years, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Data on sick industrial units assisted by the banks in the country are maintained by the Reserve Bank of India. As per the latest RBI data, there were 13 Non-SSI sick units identified as viable as at the end of December, 1988 in the State of Bihar. Nine of these have been put under the nursing programme. District-wise details are given in the attached statement. As regards the sick SSI units, there were 329 sick SSI units identified as potentially viable as at the end of December, 1988. Out of these, 300 sick SSI units were put under the nursing programme.

STATEMENT

District-wise Data on Non-SSI sick units identified as viable as at the end of December, 1988 in the State of Bihar.

Name of District	*No. of Non-SSI sick units*
Deogarh	1
Bhojpur	1
Patna	4
Rohtas	1
Dhanbad	1
Palamu	1
Ranchi	4
Total	13 (9)

Note: The figure in bracket indicate units put under nursing programme.